

OSHA Top 10 Safety Violations FY 2021

During the 2021 National Safety Council (NSC) Congress & Expo, the Deputy Director of OSHA's Directorate of Enforcement Programs, Patrick Kapust, announced the list of OSHA's top 10 most frequently cited standards for fiscal year (FY) 2021.

Similar to the FY2020 list, the items in the list remain unchanged other than some minor shuffling in order. For the 11th successive FY, "Fall Protection – General Requirements" tops the list by a wide margin, with 5,295 violations. Respiratory Protection moved up to the second spot with 2,527 violations, with Ladders, Scaffolding, and Hazard Communication rounding out the top five.

Kapust stated, "Employers need to make sure their employees are protected. The Top 10 tells us what OSHA is finding over and over again on a routine basis." He emphasized, "Employers, use the list as a tool to assess your own workplace."

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OSHA Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Workplace Safety Violations FY2021

1	Fall Protection – General Requirements (1926.501): 5,295 violations
2	Respiratory Protection (1910.134): 2,527 violations
3	Ladders (1926.1053): 2,026 violations
4	Scaffolds – General Requirements (1926.451): 1,948 violations
5	Hazard Communication (1910.1200): 1,947 violations
6	Lockout/Tagout (1910.147): 1,698 violations
7	Fall Protection – Training Requirements (1926.503): 1,666 violations
8	Personal Protective and Lifesaving Equipment—Eye and Face Protection (1910.102): 1,452 violations
9	Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178): 1,420 violations
10	Machine Guarding (1910.212): 1,113 violations

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